



May 30, 2008

Dear Inter-Greek Council,

After careful consideration, the F@CU committee has decided to grant you \$23,565.00 in allocations for the coming year. We understand that this is less than your request of \$37,600 to the committee, but after careful examination of your budget we have found a few items that are inconsistent with our funding directives.

First, student life fees are funds collected from students meant for programming and improving student life on campus. Due to that definition we find it inappropriate to have these funds go towards the Advisors, to provide scholarships, or to donate to charities. We believe that it is not within a student group's ability to decide who should receive funds for education, but rather the University's. It is also our belief that because we are not able to give money to charities as councils, the Governing Boards should not be able to either and your interest in Dance Marathon seems like a way for them to simply get additional funds through avenues other than the councils which they should be approaching.

In addition, looking into the details of the conference that you wish to attend, student life fees should not go towards taking your advisor. Furthermore, the councils only ever fund half of the cost of travel and lodging for students attending conferences and we believe that the governing boards should be held to the same standards. Finally, the cost of the rooms that you had requested were too expensive at \$200 per night and this could be cut in half for the total cost of a room.

Lastly, looking into the Greek Weekend proposed by IGC, the idea of a Greek Ball is great, and we fully support it, but the cruise is rather expensive. We have issue with the fact that you wish to make the event free when for all other formals on campus students must pay to attend. It is understood that you have many students who may not be able to afford the formal, but we do not feel comfortable making this event free of charge while the councils are forced to charge all students at other events whether we believe them able to afford it or not.

After all of these considerations we have decided upon allocating \$23,565.00 to the IGC for the coming academic year. A more detailed breakdown of the cuts made from your budget is as follow:

- \$5,600.00 from your Leadership Conference Request by reducing the number of attendees to three, paying for only half of the cost of travel and lodging, and cutting the room cost per night to \$100.
- \$7,200.00 from the Formal request because we decided that half of your requested Technical Costs (\$5,600.00) is more appropriate and in line with what others have spent for comparable events. We also cut your Miscellaneous for awards entirely, as explained above.
- \$1,000 was cut from the CUDM request, as that is seen as charity. And, finally, we cut your Glass House Rocks request (\$235.00), as the councils give you money for that event.

Therefore, the total amount we cut from your request was \$14,035.00. The difference between your request of \$37,600 and what we have granted can be accounted for in those areas. If you have

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Sincerely,

The F@CU Committee